

# **Regional Board of Superintendents' Meeting**

Northern Rhode Island Collaborative

Main Office

2352 Mendon Road

Cumberland, RI 02864

## **Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Regional Board of Superintendents was held at the Main Office, 2352 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI 02864, on **Tuesday, December 7, 2004**. The meeting was called to order at 1:18 p.m. by Mr. Joseph Nasif, Chairman.

In addition to Mr. Nasif, the following board members were present: Dr. D'Acchioli, Mr. DiPrete, Ms. Iacovelli, Mr. O'Brien, and Dr. VonVillas, as well as, Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director, and Robert E. Fricklas, Assistant Director.

Mr. Nasif entertained a motion to approve today's agenda, which was moved by Dr. D'Acchioli and seconded by Mr. O'Brien, carried by all.

### **Routine Matters:**

Dr. D'Acchioli motioned to approve Items 1 - 4, which was seconded by Mr. O'Brien, carried by all.

#### **1.0 The Minutes of the Meeting of November 9, 2004**

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. D'Acchioli	<u>Approved:</u>	Mr. DiPrete
<u>Seconded:</u>	Mr. O'Brien		Ms. Iacovelli
			Mr. Nasif
			Dr. VonVillas

#### **2.0 Bills for the month of November 2004**

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. D'Acchioli	<u>Approved:</u>	Mr. DiPrete
<u>Seconded:</u>	Mr. O'Brien		Ms. Iacovelli
			Mr. Nasif
			Dr. VonVillas

### **Executive Session:**

Nothing to report.

### **Communications and Reports:**

#### **3.0 Request for Leave of Absence - Christine Desmarais, IA St. James**

The Executive Director recommended the Board approve the request for a leave of absence for Christine Desmarais, an Instructional Assistant in the RAP Program at St. James

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. D'Acchioli	<u>Approved:</u>	Mr. DiPrete
<u>Seconded:</u>	Mr. O'Brien		Ms. Iacovelli

Mr. Nasif  
Dr. VonVillas

**Appointments:**

- 4.0** Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

**5.0 Custodian/Maintenance Position**

The Executive Director reported that due to the numerous backlog of maintenance requests received since the beginning of the school year, Mr. LaBonte had recommended the addition of a Maintenance/Custodian Position. Mr. MacDonnell advised that the need is being studied, the budget does support the position, and a job description will be developed. Mr. MacDonnell also advised that he spoke with the Union and they support the position. He also reported that in a meeting with Fr. Piacentini at St. Lawrence Parish, Fr. Piacentini has requested that the Collaborative absorb all of the custodial duties at St. Lawrence School. Previously the Collaborative was maintaining only half of the building.

After discussion and a suggestion by Dr. VonVillas, Mr. MacDonnell will develop a job description, review with the Union, and come back to the Board with a salary recommendation for further discussion at the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

**6.0 Professional Development Days**

The Executive Director reported that as requested by the Board at the November meeting, a survey was taken of the districts' professional development days. Copies were provided to the Board. The survey showed that there weren't many common days shared by the districts.

**7.0 Professional Development Opportunities**

The Executive Director reported that the Collaborative will sponsor a series of course offerings in partnership with Rhode Island College's Graduate Special Education Program at a reduced fee. David Kane will be presenting "IDEA Reauthorized 2004" for Special Education Directors in January 2005. Other course offerings in the future will feature Section 504, Autism, Positive Behavioral Supports, and HIPPA/Confidentiality. Three graduate course credits will cost \$125.00 per person.

Mr. MacDonnell also reported that the first meeting of the Curriculum Leadership Team took

place on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Professional development for building principals was discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> where more information will be discussed regarding what the team hopes to accomplish.

Discussion took place regarding Principals attending IEP meetings and the changes that may occur as a result of IDEA Reauthorized.

**Informational Matters:**

**8.0 Teacher Assistant Network Session - January 2005**

The Executive Director provided copies of the corrected flyer for the Board's information.

With no further information to report, Mr. Nasif wished everyone Happy Holidays and then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m., which was moved by Dr. D'Acchioli and seconded by Dr. VonVillas, carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra A. Jannetta